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TABLE NO. 2—Contains Imported Decorated Plates, Mayonnaise Bowls, Cracker Jars, Chocolate Pots, Sugar and Cream Sets, Bouillon Cups and Saucers, Celery Trays, Cake Plates, Salad Bowls, Nut Dishes, Steins, Bowls, Pin Trays, &c. 35c each, for choice.

TABLE NO. 3—Contains Imported Decorated Chocolate Pots, Cracker Jars, Tea Pots, Coffee Pots, Sugar and Cream Sets, Bouillon Cups and Saucers, Celery Trays, Cake Plates, Salad Bowls, Nut Dishes, Steins, Bowls, Pin Trays, &c. 50c each, for choice.

TABLE NO. 4—Contains Imported Decorated Chocolate Pots, Syrup Jugs, Sugar Bowls, Sugar and Cream Sets, Mugs, Cakes, Biscuits, Cake Plates, Bon Bon Boxes, Bon Bon Dishes, Stamp Boxes, Cream Jars, Tiles, Mugs, Candlesticks, &c. 75c each, for choice.

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Fifth floor.

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TABLE NO. 10—Contains Imported Decorated Fern Dishes, Chocolate Pots, Comb and Brush Trays, Chop Dishes, Vases, Punch Bowls, Pudding Sets, Salad Bowls, Set of Six After Dinner Coffee Cups and Saucers in Box, Set of Six Bread and Butter Plates in Box, Tea Pot, Sugar and Cream Sets, Cake Plates, Steins, &c. \$5.00 each, for choice.

WOODWARD & LOTHROP.

IN THE SOCIAL WORLD

Miss Josephine Durand Gives Farewell Dance.

TWO HUNDRED ARE PRESENT

German Ambassador and Baroness von Sternburg Entertain in Honor of the Retiring British Representative—Senator and Mrs. Elkins Give Dinner for Mrs. James P. Kernochan

The President and Mrs. Roosevelt have issued invitations for a dinner on Friday, January 4, which will be followed by a musical.

The British Embassy was the scene of an attractive dance last night, when Miss Josephine Durand, the only daughter of the Ambassador, entertained at what will probably be her last large company in Washington.

Lady Durand, who shortened her evening gown for the occasion, wore a gown of gray satin, and Miss Durand a white velvet gown trimmed in lace. The drawing-room and ballroom were decorated very simply in tropical greens and poinsettia blossoms, with a large screen of smilax at the south end of the ballroom concealing the orchestra.

The 200 guests were from the younger married set, together with most of the dancing men and maids of official and resident circles.

Some of the guests, in addition to the members of the embassy staff, were: Miss Rosamond Dixon, of New York, who is staying with Miss Durand; the Minister from the Netherlands and Mme. van Swinderen, the Charge d'Affaires of Spain and Mme. Pastor, M. and Mme. de Clarmont, of Brazil; the Swiss Minister, Mr. Vogel; the Minister from Denmark, Mr. Brun; Representative and Mrs. Longworth, Col. and Mrs. Bromwell, M. and Mme. des Portes, Commander and Mme. de Blaupre, all of the French Embassy, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Ridgely and Miss Ridgely, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Andrews, Mr. and Mrs. Fleming Newbold, Mr. and Mrs. Finnet Mitchell, Dr. and Mrs. James F. Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. John H. Merriam, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lee, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Legare, Mr. and Mrs. Bulmer, Mr. and Mrs. Nathaniel Francis Porter, and Mrs. Alice Legare, Mr. and Mrs. de Shour, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Westcott, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Lee, Commander and Mrs. Albert Key, Miss des Portes, Mrs. Foraker, the Misses Oliver, the Misses Southernland, the Misses Shonts, the Misses Parker, Miss Gaff, Miss Jean Loring, Miss Randolph, Miss Edith Miller, Miss Jean Crosby, Miss Bloomer, Miss Le Bourgeois, Miss Miriam Terry Crosby, Miss Shepard, Miss Fittell Brown, Miss Mary Carline, Miss Evelyn Walsh, with her guests, Miss Edith Deacon and Miss Dorothy Kane, of New York; Miss Janet Fish and Miss Edith Pulitzer, also of New York; Miss Emily Porter, of London; Miss Elkins, Miss Townsend, Miss Chew, Miss Jennings, the Misses Perkins, the Misses Williams, Miss Frederica Morgan, Miss Jessie Steele, Miss Huff, Miss Dodge, the Viscount Charles de Chambrun and Capt. Fournier, of the French Embassy; Prince Lymar and Lieut. Kohler, of the German Embassy; Mr. Scent-Ivany and Count Szechenyi, of the Austro-Hungarian Embassy; Prince Koudachoff, Mr. von Siebert, and Mr. Kroupensky, of the Russian Embassy; Mr. Haventh and Mr. Poile Teller, of the Belgian Legation; Mr. Walter Berry, Lieut. Edward McCarty, U. S. N.; Capt. McCarty, U. S. A.; Mr. Charles Howard, Mr. Murray Cobb, Mr. Bonaparte, Mr. Owen, and Mr. McLean.

The German Ambassador and Baroness von Sternburg entertained at a dinner last evening in honor of the retiring Ambassador from Great Britain and Lady Durand. To meet the latter were present Senator and Mrs. Hale, Senator and Mrs. Lodge, Senator and Mrs. Burrows, the Assistant Secretary of War and Mrs. Oliver, Gen. and Mrs. Foster, Capt. Ryan, naval attaché of the British Embassy, and Mrs. Ryan, Commander de Blaupre, of the French Embassy, and Mme. de Blaupre, Capt. and Mrs. Hebbinghaus, and Major and Mrs. Korner, all of the German Embassy.

Senator and Mrs. Elkins entertained at a dinner of twenty-four covers last evening. The guests were young people invited to meet Mrs. James P. Kernochan, of New York, who is visiting Miss Elkins.

Mr. and Mrs. James Pinchot and Mr. Gifford Pinchot will give their usual reception to the American Forestry Association on the evening of January 5, immediately after New Year's Day, Mrs.

Henry F. Dimmock, of New York, will make a list of ten days to Mr. and Mrs. James Pinchot.

Miss Cannon entertained the Misses Shonts at tea yesterday afternoon, when she invited a few intimate friends to meet these attractive newcomers, who will make their formal bow to Washington society in their own home this afternoon. The hostess was unassisted, but had her drawing-room beautifully decorated in Easter lilies.

The Misses Shonts, since leaving the Washington boarding school, in which most of their education was received, have not only enjoyed the distinction of presentation at the Court of St. James, but also saw considerable society on the Continent, and in the early autumn shared with their parents in the honors offered the President and Mrs. Roosevelt in Panama. Miss Margaret Shonts, furthermore, began her Washington career as one of the few girl guests at the first state dinner at the White House last Thursday. She and her sister are of a pronounced blond type, with charming manners and extremely good taste in dress, and are already secured a most cordial welcome in resident as well as official circles.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward H. Wales entertained at a family dinner party last evening to celebrate the twentieth anniversary of their marriage.

Mrs. Robert Hinckley entertained yesterday at a luncheon for young people, at which her guests included Miss Joanna Schroeder, Miss Morgan, Miss Chew, Miss Wells, Miss Olga Converse, Miss Williams, Miss Steele, Miss Crawford, Miss Stephanie Prescott, Miss Molly Dodge, and Miss Jennings.

Another debutante luncheon of yesterday was that given by Mrs. Barry, wife of Gen. Barry, in honor of their daughter.

The American Ambassador to Tokyo and Mrs. Wright have issued cards for the wedding of Miss Hattie Ermine Rives and Mr. Post Wheeler, second secretary to the embassy at Tokyo, which will take place at 12 o'clock Saturday, December 23, at the American Embassy at Tokyo. Mr. Wheeler and his bride will come to America, where they will be at home from January 25 to March 1 at Mount Vernon way, Ocean Grove, N. J.

Miss Rives is now the guest of Mrs. J. Allen Dougherty, wife of the naval attaché of the American Embassy at Tokyo.

Rev. and Mrs. Henry Baker, of 1200 Q street, gave a reception last Friday evening. Their home was decorated with holly, and thronged to its utmost capacity with friends from the various churches and literary societies of the city.

Mrs. Baker was assisted in receiving by Mrs. V. Edwards, Mrs. C. W. Gallagher, Mrs. McDowell, and Mrs. Gilbert; and in the dining-room, Miss Carey Marsh, Miss Grace Edwards, Miss Louise McDowell, Miss Faith Edwards, and Miss Florence Pierce assisted in serving refreshments during the evening.

Prof. and Mrs. N. Monroe Hopkins have sent out invitations for an anniversary dinner of fifty, to be given at the Chevy Chase Country Club on January 5. The dinner will be followed by a dance in honor of their tenth anniversary, or "tin wedding."

Mr. and Mrs. Sydney Lloyd Wrightson gave the second of their evening musicales at their home, Red Rock, in Cleveland Park, on Sunday. The artist of the evening was Mr. Angelo Patriole, a young Italian pianist, who last season toured the country with Mme. Nordica.

The marriage on Saturday, December 15, of Miss Margaret Phoebe Allen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Miner Jesse Allen, of Akron, Ohio, to Mr. Carl Dunkle Shepard, of this city, is announced. The ceremony took place at the home of the bride's parents in the presence of a large company of relatives and friends. Rev. George Darale officiating.

After a short honeymoon trip Mr. and Mrs. Shepard will reside in this city.

Oscar Straus' Niece Is Engaged.

New York, Dec. 17.—The engagement is announced of Herbert Sheftel and Miss Vivian Straus, daughter of Isidor Straus, of the firm of R. H. Macy & Co. Miss Straus is a niece of Oscar Straus, the new Secretary of Commerce and Labor, and of Nathan Straus. Mr. Sheftel is a member of the banking firm of J. S. Bach & Co., and a brother of Mrs. Jules S. Bach.

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In response to an inquiry, Secretary Root has informed the Mexican government that Enrique C. Creel will be acceptable to the government here as Mexico's Ambassador. This is merely in accordance with custom.

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NAVY CHANGES ASKED

President Sends a Personnel Message to Congress.

PRESENT SYSTEM ARCHAIC

Thinks Methods of Promotion Now in Vogue Sacrifice Good of Service to Individual Mediocrity—Wants Position of Vice Admiral Established by Law—Draws Comparisons.

President Roosevelt yesterday sent his much-discussed message concerning changes in the personnel of the navy to Congress. In it he earnestly requested the passage of the bill approved by the Secretary of the Navy, and he calls attention to the fact that the American navy is conducted along lines entirely different from any in the world.

The message is as follows:

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

In my last three messages I have invited the attention of the Congress to the urgent necessity of such legislation as will cause officers of the line of the navy to reach the grades of captain and rear admiral at less advanced ages, and give them more experience and training in the important duties of those grades. Under the present archaic system of promotion, without parallel in the navy of any other first-class power, captains are commissioned at the average age of fifty-six and rear admirals at the average of sixty. This system is the result of a long continued prejudice in favor of a method of promotion by which lieutenants in order of seniority pass through the several grades until they eventually become rear admirals; a method which sacrifices the good of the service to the interest of individual mediocrity. As a direct consequence of the existing method, naval officers obtain more than ample service in subordinate positions, but have a limited and inadequate experience as captains in command of battle ships, as flag officers in charge of fleets and squadrons; that is, in the very positions of greatest responsibility, where experience, skill, and initiative are essential to efficiency. Moreover, they attain the position of a flag officer but few months before they reach the retiring age and have no opportunity to perfect themselves in the important duties of the high commands pertaining to such rank.

Personnel Greatest Factor.

History, modern and ancient, has invariably shown that an efficient personnel is the greatest factor toward an effective navy. No matter how well equipped in other respects a navy may be, though its fleet may be composed of powerful, high-speed battle ships, maneuvered by complicated tactics based upon the latest development of naval science, yet it is grievously handicapped if directed by admirals and captains who lack experience in their duties and who are hampered by long deprivation of independent action and responsibility. To oppose such a fleet to the equally good, directed by officers more active and more experienced in their duties, is to invite disaster.

The following table gives the ages of the youngest captains and flag officers, with the average years in grade, in the navies of Great Britain, France, Germany, Japan, and the United States:

	Captains.	Sea-going flag officers.
	Ages.	Ages.
Great Britain.....	35	45
France.....	37	47
Germany.....	42	51
Japan.....	38	44
United States.....	56	60

The facts shown in this table are startling and earnest attention is invited to them.

Approves Secretary's Bill.

The Secretary of the Navy, several months ago, convened a board of six representative line officers with the Assistant Secretary of the Navy as president, to consider and recommend such changes in existing law relative to the commissioned personnel of the line of the navy as would tend to promote efficiency and economy. The essential recommendations of the board have been cordially approved by the Secretary. The bill, herewith transmitted to the Congress, has been formulated by the Secretary, and is based, except in a few details, upon recommendations of the board. I earnestly recommend its early consideration. Should it be enacted into law it will cause officers of the sea-going line to reach the grade of captain at forty-eight, and rear admirals at fifty-five, and will assure their serving seven years in the grade of captain and seven years in the grade of rear admiral, thus enabling them to become thoroughly skillful and efficient in these grades.

The accompanying bill also establishes the grade of vice admiral. This grade has long existed in all other principal navies of the world in order to obtain a selected grade of skilled commander-in-chief. The commander-in-chief of a fleet, with one or more rear admirals serving under him, is logically entitled to a higher rank than his subordinates because of his greater authority and responsibility. On occasions of official importance, or international council, or of combined naval action (as for instance the Boxer troubles in China), the interests of this great nation demand that our naval representative shall rank as the equal of the naval representatives of other powers.

Naval Officers Want Change.

Moreover, under the accompanying bill, which is the result of recommendations made by a board principally composed of naval officers, a large percentage of the officers are eliminated from the sea-going line and never reach the grade of rear admiral. When it is considered that the naval officers themselves recommend, in order to increase the efficiency of their service, that many be denied their existing privilege of reaching flag rank, it is only just to them that we should place their highest officers on a plane of equal rank with their colleagues of other nations, with whom they are so frequently in official contact.

If the proposed plan of promotion is carried out, it will, as compared with existing law, make a saving of more than five millions of dollars during the next seven years. The principal part of this saving is made by stopping the voluntary retirement of young lieutenant commanders with the rank and pay of commanders upon the retired list.

I am firmly of the opinion that unless the present condition of the higher commissioned personnel is rectified by judicious legislation, the future of our navy will be gravely compromised.

I forward herewith a letter of the Secretary of the Navy inclosing duplicate draft of the proposed bill. I also forward a copy of the report of the personnel board of the navy.

THEODORE ROOSEVELT.

The White House, December 17, 1906.

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